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Cadet duo named Gates scholars

By Jim Fox
Assistant Editor

Cadets 1st Class Michael McMahon and Robert Rose were named Gates scholars Feb. 11 by the Gates Cambridge Trust.

They will begin one year of master's degree work at the University of Cambridge in England beginning in October 2008.

The Gates Cambridge Scholarship is funded by a grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

It is designed to allow students worldwide, who show a commitment to public service, to study at Cambridge.

McMahon and Rose were two of 45 American students named. They are the ninth and tenth cadets to be named Gates scholars since

the scholarship was first awarded in 2001.

Six hundred and thirty-five students from the United States applied this year and 119 were interviewed.

McMahon, 21, of Farmingville, N.Y., is a Life Sciences major who will branch Medical Corps and, before being selected, had his sights set on attending Medical School in the fall.

"I was very surprised and happy," the Cadet-In-Charge for the West Point cadet chapter for Big Brothers/Big Sisters school-based mentoring program said. "I had been telling myself all year that next year I would be going to medical school in New York or Boston. This was quite a big change to those plans."

McMahon said he will most likely attend Weill Cornell Medical College in Manhattan, N.Y., after finishing his master's in Public Health at Cambridge.

"I will strive to improve the health of our Soldiers who admirably and sacrificially serve our country within the military, as well as all those who live within communities in which I practice and the world communities when called to administer humanitarian aide," the American Chemical Society member said.

Rose, 21, of Los Angeles, is an International Relations and dual language -- French and Russian -- major, with a Nuclear Engineering track.

The future infantry officer will work toward a master's in philosophy in International Relations at Cambridge this fall.

"I was very pleased," Rose said. "I feel like my experiences and studies while I have been at West Point combined with the great scholarship program provided excellent preparation for my

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Cadet 1st Class
Michael McMahon



Cadet 1st Class
Robert Rose



USMA Grad still commands MNC-I

General David H. Petraeus (USMA '74) (left), Multi-National Force - Iraq commander; Lt. Gen. Raymond T. Odierno (USMA '76), III Corps commander; and Lt. Gen. Lloyd J. Austin III (USMA '75), XVIII Airborne Corps commander, salute the colors during the national anthem at the ceremony in which Austin assumed command of Multi-National Corps - Iraq from Odierno at Al Faw Palace, Camp Victory, Baghdad, Feb. 14.

U.S. ARMY PHOTO BY SGT. LAURA M. BIGENHO

Board of Visitors meets Wednesday

WEST POINT, N.Y. -- The Board of Visitors of the U.S. Military Academy will meet Feb. 27 at 1 p.m., in the Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C. The Board will review and receive updates on the academic, physical, military programs, physical equipment and fiscal affairs.

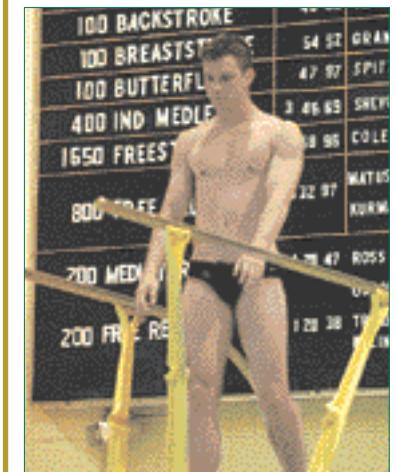
The Board of Visitors is appointed under the provision of Section 4355 of Title 10, United States Code. It is the duty of

the Board to inquire about the academy's morale and discipline, curriculum, instructions, physical equipment, fiscal affairs and academic methods. The board consists of presidential appointees and members of Congress.

Presidential appointees are Honorable Samuel Lessey Jr., Rebecca Contreras, Dr. Charles Younger, John Rainey, William Strong and Blake Hall. The senators are Jack Reed, Kay Bailey

Hutchison, Susan Collins and Mary Landrieu. Representatives include John McHugh, Maurice Hinchey, Todd Tiahrt, Jim Marshall and John Hall.

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New GMH lease explained at Town Hall Meeting March 6

WEST POINT, N.Y. -- GMH Military Housing plans to develop, renovate, manage and maintain family housing for the next 50 years, making West Point a place to call home by providing service members and their families attractive, adequately-sized, well-maintained and landscaped

homes.

One of the next steps in making the vision a reality is for sponsors to sign the leases for their homes by July 1.

All personnel who plan to live on West Point after July 1 must sign

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Calendar changes for academic year 2008-2009

Dear Members of the West Point Community -



To promote maximum flexibility to develop individual cadets -- and we know there are many paths to becoming a leader of character -- I have made the decision to change from a 10- to a 12-week summer term by 2009.

Obviously, this has effects on the academic term, and those effects weighed heavily in this decision. Let me assure you that there will continue to be 40 lessons per semester, and the academic term remains 80 days.

However, there will be classes on some previous holiday days, and spring break and re-orgy week will be shorter. The normal duty day does not change significantly and Saturdays will not be class days.

Hopefully, the overall pressure on cadets will not increase. A 12-week, 3-block summer will improve our cadets' ability to schedule summer academic courses. Additionally, it will increase their ability to assume leadership roles, to individually tailor advanced development, and to ensure all cadets get two weeks leave in the summer.

I realize that this decision is contentious. Nonetheless, I believe that the tradeoff of academic year changes for a 12-week summer term may increase our ability to develop leaders of character.

Finally, this summer is a trial, with a modified 11-week summer term. We will assess this in the fall and make a final determination at that time.

Details of key changes are to the right and the Master Calendar was updated to reflect the changes Tuesday.

Thanks for all you do.

Lt. Gen. Buster Hagenbeck, Superintendent

Academic Year 2008-2009 SUMMARY OF CHANGES

- **March Back** moved from Aug. 11 to Aug. 17
- **Cut Fall and Spring Re-orgy week** from 5 days to 3 days
- **Moved First Fall Class day** from Aug. 18 to Aug. 21
- **Moved Acceptance Day** from Aug. 16 to Aug. 23
- **Moved Ring Weekend** from Aug. 23 to Sept. 13
- **Columbus Day, Veterans Day and Presidents Day** will be class days
- **Moved the Last Fall Class day** from Dec. 12 to Dec. 15
- **Moved the start of TEE week** from Dec. 13 to Dec. 16
- **Moved the Winter Leave** from Dec. 22 - Jan. 5 to Dec. 23 - Jan. 4
- **Moved the First Spring Class day** from Jan. 12 to Jan. 8
- **Spring Leave** was changed from March 13-22 to March 14-22
- **Plebe Parent Weekend** moves from October to the first weekend of Spring Break (Sat. and Sun.)
- **Retiree Open House** moved from April 25 to May 2
- **Special Olympics** moved from May 9 to April 25
- **Sandhurst** moved from May 2 to April 18
- **Boy Scout Camporee** moved from May 9 to May 2
- **Moved Last Spring Class day** from May 15 to May 8
- **Moved the start of TEE week** from May 18 to May 9
- **Moved Grad week** from May 25 to May 18 -- Graduation is May 23
- **Moved Summer Teaching Assistance Program 1** from May 25 to May 18
- **R-Day** remains the same -- June 29

SAPR-P

The members of the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program are Col. Jeanette McMahon, Shelley Ariosto (Garrison), Dan Toohey (Victim Advocate), Maj. Maria Burger (USCC), Maj. Kim Kawamoto (ODIA) and Lt. Col. Tasha Williams (Dean).

Community members can e-mail McMahon at Jeanette.McMahon@usma.edu for advice or to offer any recommendations on the program here.

Cadets can also call the sexual assault support helpline at (845) 591-7215. West Point Soldiers and civilians needing assistance can call (845) 938-3369.

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Weekly Sudoku by Chris Okasaki, D/EECS

Rules: Fill in the empty cells with the digits 1-9 so that no digit appears twice in the same row, column, or 3-by-3 box.

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Difficulty: Medium

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Local and National News

U. S. Postal Service offers discount for military care packages starting March 3

By USPS Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (Army News Service) -- The U.S. Postal Service will begin offering a discount Priority Mail rate March 3 and a larger box for care packages sent to military members overseas.

The new flat-rate box is 50 percent larger than the current Priority Mail package and it will be delivered for \$10.95 to an APO/FPO address -- \$2 less than for domestic destinations.

"This is the first time the Postal Service has offered a special price

for our armed forces serving overseas," said Postmaster General John Potter. "We're proud that family and friends will be able to use this new larger-sized box to send much appreciated packages from home to our dedicated troops overseas."

The new Priority Mail Large Flat-Rate Box (12" x 12" x 5 inches or 800 cubic inches) will be available in Post Offices nationwide beginning March 3, but customers can begin ordering them Feb. 20 at usps.com/supplies or by calling



800-610-8734. Some of the new boxes are co-branded with the logo of *America Supports You*, which is a Department of Defense program that connects citizens offering support to the military and their families.

"It's terrific that the Postal Service continues to think of ways to help Americans support our troops and their families. Postage is always a concern when shipping care packages, and this new flat-

rate box means our home front groups and supportive citizens can do more with their resources," said Allison Barber, deputy assistant secretary of Defense. "We're especially pleased that some of the boxes will bear the 'America Supports You' logo reminding our service members that they have our nation's support."

The \$2 discount is applied when the Priority Mail Large Flat-Rate Boxes are shipped to an APO/FPO destination.

The two existing flat-rate boxes (11 x 3 x 13 inches and 11 x 8 X 5 inches), which currently retail for \$8.95 for U.S. addresses, are not available for the military discount, postal officials said.

They said all flat-rate boxes can still be used for international shipping.

Former AG employee Taravella passes

By Jim Fox
Assistant Editor

Rosemarie "Rea" Taravella, 58, passed away at home Feb. 14 after a year-long battle with lung cancer. Taravella retired from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point in November after 17 years as, most recently, a Human Resources Specialist and managed the Officer Procurement Program for the academy.

Born in Newark, N.Y., the long-time Newburgh resident is survived

by her son Timothy Taravella and daughters Jessica Petree (Taravella) and Rebekah Taravella. She is also survived by four brothers, three sisters, two grandchildren and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral services were held Tuesday. She was buried at Cedar Hill Cemetery in Middlehope, N.Y.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Orange and Sullivan Counties, 800 Stony Brook Ct., Newburgh, NY 12550.

Supé's semi-annual briefing

The Superintendent's Annual Command Interest Briefing is scheduled for Thurs., from 12:50 to 1:50 p.m., in Thayer Hall, Robinson Auditorium.

This briefing is mandatory for all officers, all non-commissioned officers (SFC and above), and civilian employees (GS-9 and above).

Others who wish to attend should coordinate with their activities. All personnel must be seated by 12:45 p.m. The Command Interest Brief will be broadcast live on the Command Channel for the West Point Community to view.

In addition, it will be rebroadcast March 3, at 1 p.m., and March 4 at 9 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

February changes [as of 2/21]	
C FUND	- 1.22 percent
I FUND	- 1.85 percent
S FUND	+ 0.38 percent

Voting Assistance

For 2008 voting assistance questions, call the West Point Voting Assistance NCOIC, Sgt. 1st Class John Castillo at 938-8450.

Delivery problems?

FOR PV HOME DELIVERY PROBLEMS CONTACT VALERIE MULLANE AT THE POUGHKEEPSIE JOURNAL AT (845) 437-4730 OR BY E-MAIL AT VMULLANE@POUGHKEE.GANNETT.COM.

Cadets earn All-USA College Academic Team Honors

WEST POINT, N.Y. -- U.S. Military Academy Cadets Rajiv Srinivasan, 21, of Roanoke, Va., and Kimberly Jung, 21, of Los Angeles, were named as recipients of this year's *USA TODAY* All-USA College Academic Team Feb. 14.

USA TODAY honors 60 undergraduate academic all-stars each February as its All-USA College Academic Team.

Nominees must at least be sophomore undergraduates at a four-year institution of higher education in the United States.

The top 20 students will each receive a trophy and \$2,500 cash award. Forty more runners-up named to the Second and Third teams receive certificates, and their names are announced in the newspaper.

Srinivasan was named to the first team and is majoring in Arabic and Comparative Politics. He is in his final year at West Point and is scheduled to graduate in May and

branch Armor.

Jung was named to the third team and is majoring in Mechanical Engineering with a focus in biological systems. She is in her final year at West Point and scheduled to graduate in May and serve in the Corps of Engineers.

Srinivasan is also the co-founder of the Web site, www.BeyondOrders.org, which he created with his close friend, Tin-Yun Ho, a senior at Harvard University.

"I remember reading so much about the various humanitarian needs of the Iraqi people," Srinivasan said. "At the same time, there are hundreds of organizations in the United States that are so passionate about helping our mission in Iraq. We set out to build a bridge between Soldiers in Iraq and the people who can help them complete their long term mission."

The site is an online social

network which connects Soldiers in Iraq with non-profit organizations in the U.S. to meet the humanitarian needs of the Iraqi people.

When a Soldier in Iraq notices a significant need in an Iraqi community, he can go to the site and upload a request for help for that community.

Then, a collection of non-profit organizations in the U.S. checks their inventories for the requested items and ships the order to the Soldier's APO address.

BeyondOrders.org has been responsible for more than 100 successful deliveries to Iraq. The donations include everything from medical supplies to soccer balls and jerseys.

As the requests from units in Iraq grow increasingly more diverse, Srinivasan and his team have also adapted the project to allow for more flexible donations.

"We were very successful harnessing the power of the non-



Co-founders Cadet 1st Class Rajiv Srinivasan (right) works with his partner, Tin-Yun Ho, on www.BeyondOrders.org. PHOTO BY ANDY YUAN

profit organizations. Our next step is to harness the power of the individual. We have set up a method through which individuals, rather

than donating huge shipments of goods, can donate funds that can go toward helping Soldiers get their requested items," he added.

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interview."

Rose spent a semester studying at the French Military Academy and in Lyon during his junior year. Last summer during his Cadet Troop Leader Training, he served with the French Army and U.S.

Navy SEALs in Chad.

"The International Relations Program at Cambridge is one of the best in the world," Rose explained. "I will be able to study under leaders in the field while being surrounded by a diverse array of

students from around the world who will add differing perspectives to help challenge and improve my own thoughts and ideas."

"This education will be an investment into my future," he continued.

After his master's work and service as an infantry officer Rose said he eventually hopes to work in Africa in Special Forces or as a Defense Attaché. He also, one day, hopes to help craft U.S. policy toward that troubled continent.

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a lease. GMH will explain the lease, as well as address other issues and concerns, with residents at a Town Hall Meeting March 6 from 7 to 9 p.m. in the ballroom at the West Point Club.

"We know that changes are worrisome and stressful, especially when they involve the home. GMH wants residents to feel comfortable with the plans for their new community. We encourage everyone to attend the Town Hall meeting, ask questions and gain an understanding about all the

plans in store for them," said Shari Roosa, GMH Military Housing Community Manager.

"This should help alleviate any anxiety at the very beginning of the process," Roosa added.

The 12-month lease residents will sign has been specifically written for military families and the many nuances of military life are taken into consideration.

GMH Military Housing is not a newcomer to the privatized military housing industry.

They also provide similar

services at Carlisle Barracks in Pa.; Picatinny Arsenal in N.J.; Fort Gordon and Fort Stewart/Hunter Army Air Field in Ga.; Fort Carson, Colo.; Fort Detrick, Md.; Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington, D.C.; Fort

Hamilton, N.Y.; Fort Eustis and Fort Story in Va.; Fort Bliss, Texas; and White Sands Missile Range, N.M.; 19 bases for the Navy and four Air Force bases.

If you have any questions, call the GMH office at 845-446-6407.

RCI/GMH Town Hall Meeting

March 6 -- 7 to 9 p.m.

West Point Club Grand Ballroom

The meeting will be televised on the Command Channel for those unable to attend. A call-in number for questions from residents will be provided at the beginning of the briefing.

The GMH/RCI Web site -- www.westpointfamilyhousing.com -- is available for further Resident and RCI project information.

Inaugural Cadet Choice Awards announced Thursday

WEST POINT, N.Y. -- Thursday night at dinner in Washington Hall, the Corps of Cadets announced the winner of the inaugural Cadets Choice Award for the 2007 movie character who best embodies West

Point leadership.

Twenty-two hundred cadets voted and selected Dr. Robert Neville as portrayed by Will Smith in "I Am Legend." The cadets are inviting the actor, producer and screenwriters to West Point for a formal awards presentation this spring.

"We all know the power of motion pictures as a domestic and international cultural influence," said Cadet 1st Class AJ Folsom, Brigade Public Affairs Officer. "In this case, we have America's future leaders speaking out about what constitutes the best in character and leadership as presented by America's leading exporters of popular culture."

The top ranking choices are

as follows:

1. (588 or 27 percent) Dr. Robert Neville "I Am Legend" (portrayed by Will Smith)

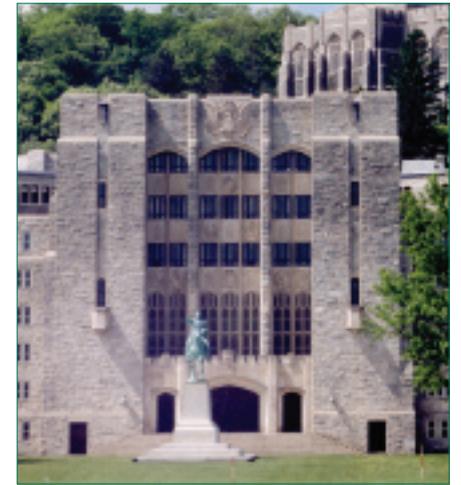
2. (548 or 25 percent) King Leonidas "300" (portrayed by Gerard Butler)

3. (308 or 14 percent) John McClane "Live Free or Die Hard" (portrayed by Bruce Willis)

4. (189 or 9 percent) Dan Evans "3:10 to Yuma" (portrayed by Christian Bale)

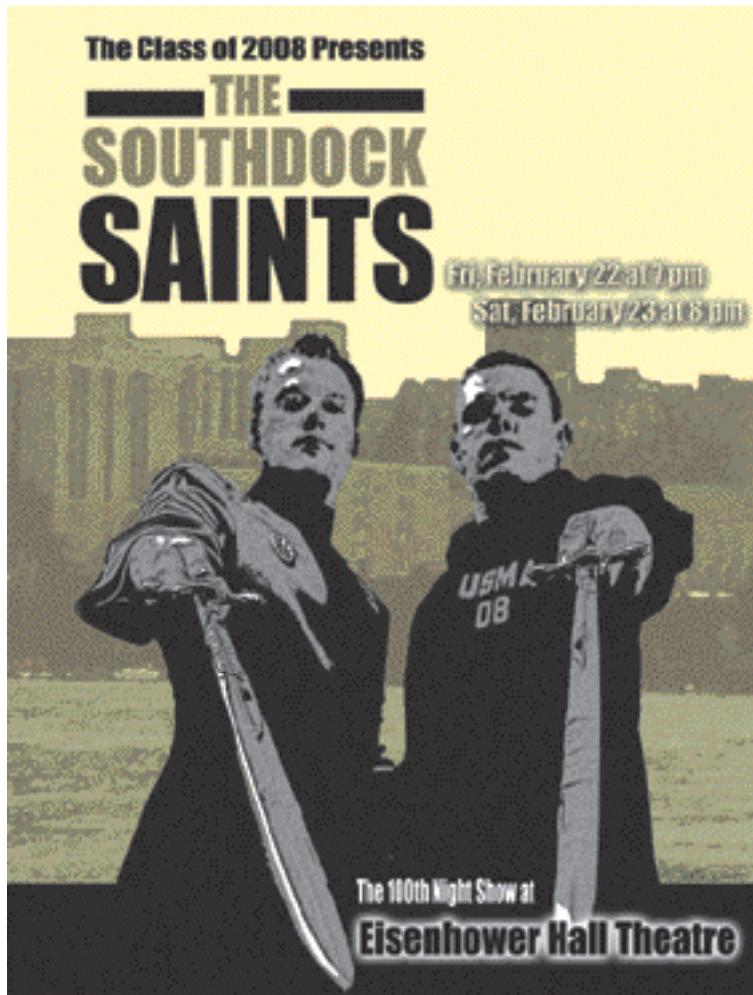
5. (129 or 6 percent) Ronald Fleury "The Kingdom" (portrayed by Jamie Foxx)

6. (99 or 4 percent) Marianne



Pearl "A Mighty Heart" (portrayed by Angelina Jolie)

No other nomination got more than 20 votes.



Community Features and Photos

DHR, AG: two organizations, one goal to serve

Story and photo by
Eric S. Bartelt
Sports Editor

Army transformation has changed the landscape of operations throughout the Army's expeditionary forces, and one of the great components to come from it is the Directorate of Human Resources.

DHR belongs to the Installation Management Command as a part of the Standard Garrison Organization setup, according to Michael Bilello, West Point's director of DHR, and it's a part of the mandate to move the Military Personnel Division to a garrison asset instead of an Adjutant General mission, or mission asset, which it was previously.

At West Point, the change took place April 29, 2007, but it may not look any different than it did before when MPD was an AG action and because of that, people still synonymously relate MPD to AG.

The thing people should be aware of is DHR and AG are both housed under the same roof at Bldg. 622, but in essence the services and locations still haven't change. The only change is DHR has taken on greater responsibility of a now garrison asset.

"We're still under the same roof here with a very similar mission, which is to assist the Soldiers with personnel transactions to meet their needs," Bilello said. "DHR is more than the Military Personnel Division. Other organizations on post were realigned to come under the DHR and, as it was explained to me by the previous HR director for the Northeast Region of IMCOM, anything that involves people is considered human resources, and therefore was reorganized under the DHR."

In addition to the MPD, the Alcohol and Drug Control Office, the Army Education Center and Administrative Services, which was formerly known as Documents Services Branch in the Directorate of Information Management, are now all a part of DHR.

The Army published FM 1-0, Human Resources Support, in February 2007 to help implement the fundamental principles of human resources throughout the Army, although it was developed with posts other than the U.S.

Military Academy in mind.

"The plan was developed with more conventional Army posts in mind, so the mission side would be the deploying unit that would leave a Fort Bragg and the garrison would remain back," said Maj.(P) Jonathan Liba, West Point AG. "It's a little different here with the mission side focused on the academy and it's implemented in a little bit different manner."

The Adjutant General's Office still provides many personnel functions to the superintendent, such as ceremonies including graduations and officer and enlisted promotions. AG's administrative services branch also deals with the Combined Federal Campaign and such, so both AG and DHR offer an admin capability.

Bilello also discussed how the AG, DHR, and CPAC all combine to support both military and civilian personnel on the installation. "CPAC is focused on all facets of civilian personnel, whereas I serve as the HR consultant for the garrison commander -- where I integrate everything from military and civilian personnel for him," Bilello said. "We work in conjunction with CPAC, but I have no jurisdiction over them and they have none over us although we do work together, in particular on civilian personnel issues."

From the AG perspective, tenant units such as MEDDAC and DENTAC do not fall under them for administrative processes (except centralized selection boards), but they do service all the major activity directorates on West Point.

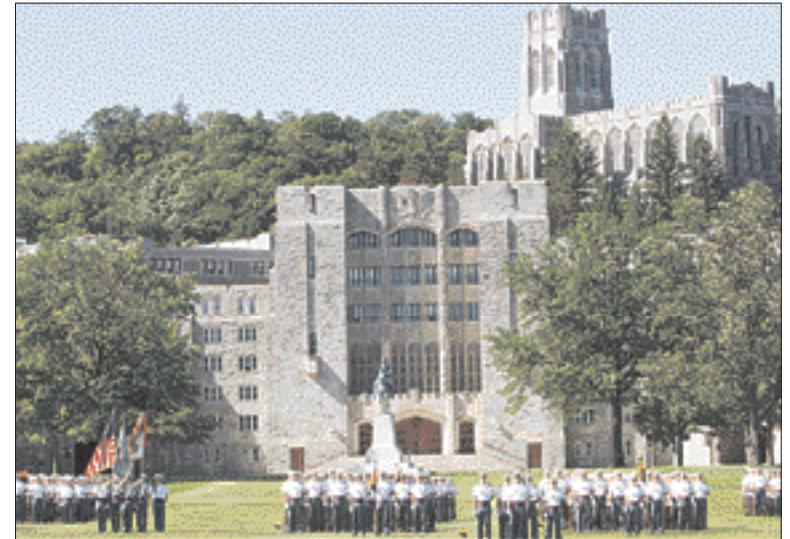
"We do get involved in in- and out-processing because we are responsible for the strength management for anyone that's on the mission side and anyone who belongs to the staff and faculty, which accounts for 700 to 800 soldiers at the academy," said Maj. Jennifer Minus, deputy AG and chief of strength management.

Although the staff and faculty get their common access cards through DHR, most other personnel processes and transactions are interwoven between DHR and AG.

"It's not obvious to most of our customers that we are two different organizations because we're so interconnected—even our offices are intermingled and we walk through each other's areas multiple times every day," Minus remarked.

DHR takes care of ID (CAC) cards, award and retirement ceremonies for garrison -- which used to belong to DPTMS -- the Retiree Open House and transition services, while the AG office takes care of the commissioning certificates and diplomas of graduating cadets, all cadet awards and compilations, and command retention.

"We also track performance appraisals, enrollments and completions in the civilian education system and how managers can stay on top of use or lose time," explained Bilello of DHR, "so we're trying to be a value added entity to supervisors and managers in the garrison on a whole array of issues dealing with people."



The Adjutant General's Office provides services to the Corps of Cadets (above), the Dean of the Academic Board and all the major activity directorates. However, AG no longer has control over the Military Personnel Division.

DHR is in the process of putting a Web page together that will be linked to the USMA home page. It will allow people to see for themselves who and what belongs where under DHR and will also list the hours and information related to

common access cards and similar functions.

"Our goal is to still work as a team with the AG and provide the best service to the Soldiers," Bilello said. "We're a garrison asset, but we take care of everybody."

IADC Advisors mentor USMA Cadets

Story and photo by
Mass Communication
Specialist 1st Class
Cassandra Thompson
U.S. Navy

INTER-AMERICAN DEFENSE COLLEGE, Washington, D.C. -- Cadets from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point are not usually privy to the inner workings of a foreign defense sector. But Feb. 14-15 at Fort Lesley J. McNair in Washington, D.C., 42 cadets engaged in the capstone linguistic project listened intently as Latin American colonels and captains shared their insider perspectives on problems plaguing their countries.

The officers, all advisors at the Inter-American Defense College, were pleased to support the cadets linguistic and research goals for the

third year in a row.

"It's a reciprocal relationship," explained IADC Chief of Studies Capt. Luis Orozco of Mexico. "We have the opportunity to show the cadets who we are and what we do here. They in turn have the chance to practice their languages and gain a better perspective of realities that exist in our countries."

The cadets, whose research focused on transnational crime, were divided into six groups covering different regions of the Western Hemisphere.

Cadet 1st Class Scott Yang explained that his group, which focused on Colombia, had arrived in DC armed with preconceived ideas and pre-packaged solutions.

"We thought we would come here with our thesis already worked out and basically just ask them our questions," Yang, an Environmental

Science and Spanish major, said. "We kind of went in thinking this is what we're going to do and this is how we're going to help the country. But with the perspective they were able to offer us, we saw how our original thesis wasn't exactly spot on."

"The things that we see as a problem may not be a priority in the eyes of the Colombians," agreed Cadet 1st Class Katherine Palesky, a Foreign Area Studies major. "They give us a perspective we don't normally get at our school because they're natives."

At the end of the two-day brainstorming session, the cadets compiled all their new information and presented it to their officer counterparts at the IADC.

The cadets also look forward to presenting their final theses in May to the IADC advisors when the officers travel to West Point.

The IADC is one of the foremost institutes of learning for senior-level military, police, and diplomatic officials with an interest in security and defense issues facing Latin America today.

An entity of the Organization of American States, the IADC is able



Inter-American Defense College advisor Cnel Fernando Nunes of Brazil (below right) responds to a question about transnational crime in his country during a brainstorming session held entirely in Portuguese. Cadets from the U.S. Military Academy had the opportunity to not only practice their language skills, but revisit researched topics from a different angle.

to offer approximately 60 students a year from member states of the OAS an unparalleled educational and research experience.

Former IADC students include two presidents, 31 ministers, 539 generals and admirals and many other high-ranking officials.

"The eye-opening thing about working with foreign officers is that we get out of the mentality of students into thinking in theoretical terms," Yang concluded. "Being here really helped us narrow down our thesis into something that's workable and realistic."

Historical significance to February being BHM

Compiled by Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

February was proclaimed Black History Month in 1976 in the U.S. to celebrate the contributions of black men and women throughout history.

The month long celebration in the U.S. is an extension of Negro History Week, a week-long celebration that was in the second week of February, which was begun in 1926 by Dr. Carter G. Woodson.

February was chosen to honor two of the most important men involved with the issue of equality and black history -- Frederick Douglas and President Abraham Lincoln, according to www.cwo.com. Frederick Douglas's birthday is celebrated Feb. 14 and Lincoln's Feb. 12.

February also holds significance in other areas of black history. The 15th amendment, granting blacks the right to vote was passed Feb. 3, 1870, and Feb. 12, 1909, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People was founded.

Woodson is considered to be the 'Father of Black History' due to his contribution to black history. He was concerned with the lack of documentation of blacks throughout history and worried that blacks had been virtually ignored despite the fact that they have lived in America since 1619 when the first slave arrived in Virginia.

Woodson was the son of former slaves and had a great thirst for knowledge and learning. He paid his college tuition at Berea College in Kentucky by working as a coal miner. After he received his degree, he attended the University of Chicago and in 1908, studied at the Sorbonne University in Paris. Woodson became the second black American to earn a Ph.D., which he received from Harvard.

The first black American to earn a Ph.D. was Edward A. Bouchet who received his in 1876 from Yale University. In Chicago in 1915, Woodson founded the Association of Negro Life and History and the Journal of Negro History, which still exists today as does the ANLH, now known as Afro-Americans for the Study of Afro-American Life and History.

Even today, it sometimes takes a long period of time for history to recognize some of the



great contributions from black Americans. For example, it took 52 years before a black Soldier received the Medal of Honor for heroism in World War II.

Due to a 1993 Army-sponsored study by Shaw University in Raleigh, N.C., it was determined racial disparity did have an effect on the way Medal of Honor recipients were selected, according to www.history.army.mil.

Shaw University recommended

10 Soldiers for the Medal of Honor and out of the 10, seven were selected. On January 13, 1997, President Bill Clinton presented the Medal of Honor to 1st Lt. Vernon J. Baker of the 370th Inf. Reg., 92nd Inf. Div., the only living recipient at the time, and to the Families of the six who received the medal posthumously.

Baker received the medal for his heroism while in Viareggio, Italy in April 1945. He destroyed

installations, personnel and equipment during an attack against the Germans. While Baker's company was stopped by heavy fire, he managed to crawl to an enemy position, killing three Germans. He continued on attacking eventually eliminating a total of three machine gun positions, nine Germans and an observation post.

While men in his company evacuated the wounded, Baker covered them by going into an exposed position and drawing enemy fire. On the second night, Baker led a battalion through mine fields and heavy fire.

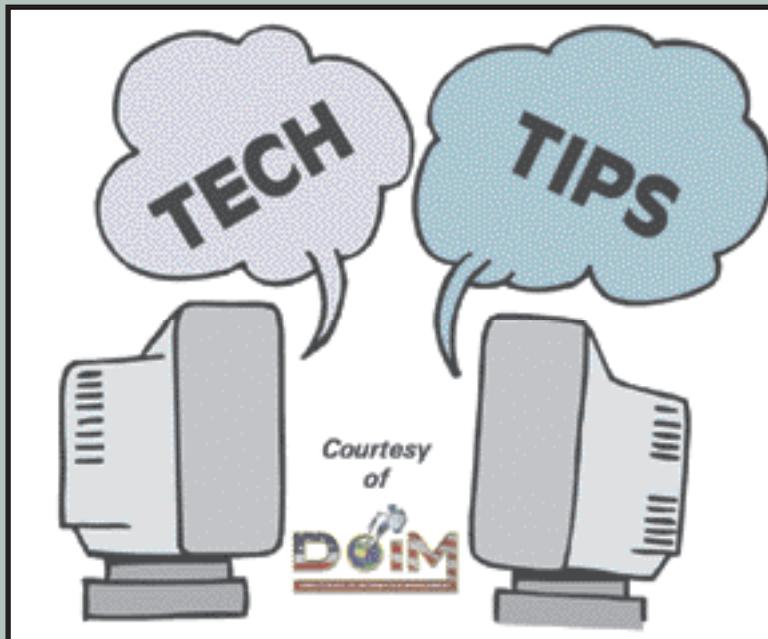
Sergeant William H. Carney, a member of the 54th Massachusetts Regiment, the first all-black regiment, was the first black American to receive the Medal of Honor in 1900 for his actions in the Civil War. Carney is famous for uttering the words, "This flag never touched the ground!" The words were said at the battle of Fort Wagner, N.C., in July 1863 when Carney noticed the flag carrier was severely wounded. He ran to the flag carrier to rescue the flag and came back through a hail of bullets delivering it safely to his regiment, where he proceeded to



pass out in a cold faint due to the wounds he received. After being mustered out of the Army, Carney went to work as one of four men who became letter carriers in 1870. He spent three decades working for the postal service before retiring in 1901. Carney and 15 other black Americans from the Civil War received the Medal of Honor.

Another reason for celebrating Black History Month is to remember people like Martin Luther King Jr. and Rosa Parks, who, by their strength of character, paved the way for those who would come after.

It is also an opportunity to celebrate those who are role models today because of who they are and what they are doing for the next generation, such as Condoleezza Rice, the first black woman to become Secretary of State following former Secretary of State Colin Powell, who was the first black Secretary of State and Toni Morrison, the first black woman to receive the Nobel Prize in literature.



IRS Annual Security Warning – BEWARE of alleged tax-filing services

In recent years, the Internal Revenue Service has warned taxpayers about e-mails sent by Web sites masquerading as members of Free File Alliance, a program allowing some taxpayers to file online for free. According to the IRS, the only place to access the free file program is on the **IRS.gov** Web site.

Recipients of these phishing e-mails have stated that the e-mails claimed users could speed up their tax return by depositing it in a credit card account. Subsequently, this process required user credit card numbers and pin numbers.

Past instances of similar phishing attacks include e-mails originating from *tax-refund@irs.gov*, *admin@irs.gov*, *service@irs.gov*, *ICTKO@irs.gov* or any variation thereof, telling the recipients that they were eligible to receive a tax refund for a given amount.

The IRS does not initiate contact with taxpayers via e-mails and does not request detailed personal information through e-mail or ask taxpayers for sensitive information, such as pin numbers, passwords or credit card information.

MWR Blurbs

Polar Fest

The 2008 Polar Fest returns to the West Point Ski Area Sat. from Noon until 9 p.m. Bring the whole family for a day of downhill races, kids' crafts, a pig roast, a live band and more.

Tickets are on sale at the Ski Sales Office.

There will be free admission to families of deployed Soldiers.

For more info, go to westpointmwr.com.

Art Therapy Workshop

The Soldier and Family Assistance Center is hosting a workshop on art therapy for combat-related post traumatic stress disorder for female Soldiers who have deployed and returned on Thur., from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.. Sign up required by Mon. at noon. Call 938-0232.

Sealed Bid

Toro Wood Chipper may be viewed between Tues. and Feb. 29,

from the hours of 1 to 3 p.m., at the old golf maintenance building. For more info., call 938-4632.

Defensive Driving

Class will be held March 1 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Building 622 (ACS). Register at ITR by calling 938-2401/3601.

Army Emergency Relief

Campaign begins March 3 and runs through April 4. The kickoff for the AER campaign will be held March 3, from 10 to 11 a.m. at ACS Bldg. 622. Refreshments will be served.

The AER mission is to provide emergency financial assistance to active duty Soldiers, retirees and their dependents. Emergency assistance is also provided to surviving spouses and orphans of Soldiers who died while on active duty or after they retired.

For more information, or to make a contribution, call 938-5653.

Volunteer of the Year Award

If you know of someone who exemplifies selfless service to the West Point Community, please nominate them for the 2008 Volunteer of the Year Award. Nominations are due NLT March 14 can be completed online at www.westpointmwr.com/ACTIVITY/IVC/IVC.HTM.

This year, West Point will provide "Volunteer of the Year Awards" in six distinct categories: Active Duty Military Member, Military Spouse, Military Family, Civilian/Retiree, Youth, and Cadet. All West Point volunteers are eligible to receive these awards in their relevant categories.

The Volunteer of the Year Awards will be given at the annual Volunteer Recognition Ceremony held April from Noon to 1:30 p.m., at the West Point Club Grand Ballroom. Contact Jen Pagio, Army Volunteer Corps Coordinator with questions at 938-3655.

Kennel special

Morgan Farm is offering a February Kennel Special: three nights for the price of two on any three consecutive nights.

Call 938-3926 for more information.

Community swim hours

Due to cadet programs, Crandall Pool will be closed for community swim Mon. and Wed.

Post Library

Spring Story hour

The West Point Post Library's

Spring Story Hour will be held Tuesdays at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. through April 29.

Open to all West Point community children ages 3-5.

Registration required on a weekly basis. For info., stop by the Library or call 938-2974.

MWR running groups forming

Get Ready to Run. The MWR Fitness Center announces two new running groups starting in March.

Beginners will work up to two miles and advanced runners will train for the New Jersey Half Marathon.

The groups will be led by certified personal trainer Andrea Ingram.

Call 938-6490 to sign up or for more information.

Bands for the Brave

Free resistance bands for deployed or deploying Soldiers. Pick them up at the MWR Fitness Center.

Iraqi school supply drive

Army Community Services is sponsoring a school supply drive for Iraqi children until March 3.

Supplies will be distributed to schools in the Sadr City, Baghdad area.

Drop off locations: PX, West Point Elementary School and Army Community Service.

Items should be NEW: backpacks, pencils, colored pencils, spiral notebooks, glue, markers, highlighters, loose leaf paper, etc.

For more information

contact ACS' Galatea Badger at 938-5654.

CYS registration ongoing

Child and Youth Services currently has instructional registration for: Hapkido, Start Smart, Kindergym, Ice Skating, Tennis, Parent and Me, and Musical Theater.

See flyers on our CYS Instructional Web site at www.westpointmwr.com for more information.

FCC needs child-care providers

Family Child Care is looking for high quality child-care providers to provide child care in their government quarters for authorized family members of children from four weeks to 12 years of age.

Call 938-3921 for more information and to begin training.

West Point Tax Center open

Federal and state income tax preparation is available free of charge for active duty military service members, military retirees, and immediate family members at the WP Tax Center.

IRS-trained tax preparers are available to answer your questions and file your tax return from 8:30 to 11:45 a.m. and from 1 to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Walk-ins are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis, while scheduled appointments are given top priority. Please call (845) 938-5920 to schedule an appointment.

The West Point Women's Club
presents
Viva Las Vegas Night
February 22, 2008 - The Thayer Hotel
7:00pm to Midnight
Casino Gaming - Bingo - Silent Auction
Live Auction - Casino Chance - Horseracing - Floor Show
No Limit Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament
All Proceeds Go To Grants and Scholarships!

At Your Leisure

What's Happening

WP Christian Fellowship Program and Service

The West Point Christian Fellowship conducts its annual African-American History Month program and service Sun., starting at 12:30 p.m. at the Post Chapel. The guest speaker will be Chaplain Clarke L. McGriff, Commandant, U.S. Army Chaplain Center and School. For more info. call 938-6726/3412.

Community Action Council Meeting

The next CAC meeting is scheduled for Monday at 9:30 a.m., at the Jewish Chapel. The community is invited to attend.

Book signings

In conjunction with African American History Month John L. Johnson will be signing his book "Every Night & Every Morn: Portraits of Asian, Hispanic, Jewish, African-American and Native-American recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor" p.m. Tues., from 9:15 a.m. until 12:15 p.m.

Military Council of Catholic Women

Nationally renowned speaker Christopher West is coming to West Point Tues. to discuss "Theology of the Body."

Adults, teens and cadets are invited. Join us at 7 p.m., in Robinson Auditorium.

Most Holy Trinity Speaker

Internationally renowned speaker Christopher West presents "God, Sex and the Meaning of Life" on Tues. from 7 -8:30 p.m. in Robinson Auditorium. All high school students, cadets, and adults are welcome to attend. There is no admission fee. Call x8760 for more information.

He is also the featured speaker at a Men's luncheon on Wed., February 27th from Noon to 1 p.m. at the West Point Club.

Call MAJ Chris Hurlburt at x4518 for a reservation. The event is free.

Dept of Geography & Environmental Engineering Lecture

CIA analyst Joe Dickerson will present a lecture titled "GIS Terrorism Suitability Modeling in Yemen" to cadets enrolled in EV

374, Middle East and Africa on Wed. at Washington Hall Room 6302 at 1:55 to 2:50 p.m. and 3:05 to 4 p.m. All are invited to attend.

For more information call Maj. Chastain, course director at 938-3094.

WPWC

Applications are now available for scholarships and community grants offered by the West Point Women's Club.

Pick up copies at the WPWC shop, ACS, or visit the Web site: www.shopthepoint.com.

Applications are due Feb. 29. **AER scholarship program**

The Maj. Gen. James Ursano Scholarship Program is for dependent children of active, retired and deceased Soldiers.

The program offers scholarships based on financial need, academics and leadership/achievement.

Applications for the 2008-2009 scholarship and the Stateside Spouse Education Assistance Program are available on the AER Web site www.aerhq.org through March 1.

DUSA scholarship applications

The applicant must be a graduating high school senior and

the son or daughter of an active, retired or deceased U.S. military servicemember whose Family resides at West Point (or within a 35-mile radius of West Point) at the time the scholarship is awarded.

Applications can be acquired through your local high school counselors at James O'Neill HS or Cornwall Central HS or contact Linda Frey at gfrey1@hvc.rr.com. The completed application packet must be postmarked or hand delivered by 5 p.m., March 14, 2008, to:

DUSA Scholarships, c/o Linda Frey, 530B Winans Rd., West Point, NY 10996.

Please do not turn applications in to the DUSA gift shops or your school.

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Keller Corner

Weight Loss Surgery

Bariatric surgery is surgery to correct obesity. Are you considered obese? Have you been actively dieting and exercising without losing weight and without maintaining that weight loss?

There are several procedures that can be done to help a patient lose weight and to keep that weight off. The most successful of these procedures is called "Gastric Bypass." In this procedure the stomach is made small to limit the amount of food intake and part of the intestine is bypassed to limit caloric absorption. This procedure has shown to be very effective in weight loss.

Obesity is the most costly and common nutritional problem in the United States. It is close to smoking as a frequent cause of early death.

Obesity is quantified by calculating your body mass index or BMI. To calculate your BMI, take your weight in pounds divided by your height in inches squared, then multiply by 703. Being overweight is classified as a BMI greater than

25. Obesity is defined as a BMI over 30.

In 2000 the cost of medical problems associated with obesity was more than \$117 billion. Obese people are at increased risk of diabetes, hypertension, hypercholesterolemia, arthritis, coronary artery disease, sleep apnea and venous stasis. These patients are also at an increased risk of cancer of the breast, colon and endometrium. Weight loss can help decrease the risk of medical disease and death.

If you answered yes to the questions at the top, please make an appointment with your Primary Care Manager to see if you qualify

for an evaluation for surgical treatment.

Free Developmental/Hearing Screenings

Not all children develop the same way. Some need extra help.

If you have concerns with your child's communication skills, motor skills, self-help skills, learning, behavior, and/or social interactions please join us at our Free Developmental/Hearing Screenings.

The screenings will be conducted March 4 from 8:45 a.m. to 1:45 a.m. at the CDC in conjunction with Audiology, EDIS, and West Point School for ages birth to 5 year.

By appointment only -- call to schedule at 938-6868/2698.

Command Channel 8/23

Feb. 22 -29

Friday

8:30 a.m. Army Newswatch

1 p.m. Army Newswatch

6 p.m. Army Newswatch

Mon. - Wed. and Feb. 29

8:30 a.m. Army Newswatch

1 p.m. Army Newswatch

6 p.m. Army Newswatch

Thursday

8:30 a.m. Army Newswatch

12:45 p.m. Supe's Command
Interest Brief (LIVE)

6 p.m. Army Newswatch

Community Mayors needed

Looking for Community Mayors to represent our communities. Areas in need of mayors are Biddle Loop, Lee Area, Old Brick, Stony II (Enlisted). Call 938-7731.

NOW SHOWING in the movie theater
at Mahan Hall, Bldg. 752

Friday -- The Great Debaters, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.

**Saturday -- First Sunday, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.
Sweeny Todd, R, 9:30 p.m.**

Feb. 29 -- 27 Dresses, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.

March 1 -- Mad Money, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.

March 1 -- Rambo, R, 9:30 p.m.

THE MOVIE THEATER IS OPEN TO ALL MILITARY ID CARD HOLDERS AND THEIR GUESTS. IT OPENS 20 MINUTES PRIOR TO START TIME. THE THEATRE IS LOCATED IN MAHAN HALL, BLDG. 752, ACROSS THAYER ROAD FROM BLDG. 606.

FOOD AND DRINKS ARE NOT PERMITTED IN THE THEATER.

THE THEATER SCHEDULE CAN ALSO BE FOUND AT

WWW.AAFES.COM.

Army and Community Sports

Mentele striving for PL Championship

By **Eric S. Bartelt**
Sports Editor

Thursday through Saturday Army men's and women's Swimming and Diving teams compete in the 2008 Swim and Dive Patriot League Championships at Annapolis, Md.

The women are looking for their first team PL championship since 1991, while the men are looking to break a string of three consecutive second-place finishes and reach the team championship for the first time since 2001.

Leading the way for the men is breaststroke and individual medley senior Jake Mentele, who has had another stellar year in the water. Mentele will be looking to defend his 200-yard PL breaststroke title, which was also his top time from a year ago (2:01.56).

Mentele came into the season qualified for the 2008 U.S. Olympic Trials, which will take place in Omaha, Neb., June 29 through July 6, in the 100- and 200-yard breaststroke. His focus and determination have been tremendous since gaining the time needed to qualify for the Trials qualification March 31, 2007, at the USA Spring Championships.

"Jake has shown a level of commitment and persistence that

I haven't seen before," said Army head swimming and diving coach Mickey Wender. "He came back this fall with an edge, focus and intensity that I never saw from him last year.

"When we went to nationals last spring and he made the Olympic Trials qualifying time in the 100-yard breast and improved on his 200-yard breast, it really got him thinking that he could be successful at the national level," Wender added. "He's had success there before, but to be able to do it for two races and have that kind of consistency really motivated him."

Mentele worked hard during the summer even when he was in the middle of Army training at other posts and added more to his training routines.

"I'm on a weightlifting program, which was introduced to me last year by (Coach Wender)," Mentele said. "It's helped progress my abilities in every aspect, so when I get into the water you don't even feel it. When you're working on different muscle groups that coincide with your specific stroke such as lat pull down and quadriceps exercises, it really helps when you get into the water and have that extra strength and effort to move the water a bit more efficiently."

The native of Sioux Falls, S.D., has always been a great finisher at the Patriot League Championships since his plebe year when he won both the 100- and 200-yard breaststroke. He was named "Rookie of the Meet" and registered Army plebe record times of 56.84 and 2:02.29 in the 100- and 200-yard breast, respectively, in 2005.

He feels his best achievement has been his qualification for the Olympic Trials, which are only three hours from his home, but he's always had the goal of getting better -- every single time out in the water.

"Every single year I've actually dropped my swim times and achieved my goals," Mentele said. "It can be hard to maintain focus sometimes with the routine of morning practice, afternoon practice, weightlifting training and swimming meets that all can take a toll, especially on your personal life.

"Trying to keep your focus on swimming and maintain those high expectations is hard while also trying to balance school work," he added.

The future Quartermaster officer credits his parents as his biggest inspiration for their motivation and "stick to it" attitude. They enrolled

him in swimming classes at age seven, which was more for leisure and survival classes, but even at an early age he had the knack for the sport.

"I just kept swimming and got better and better at it," Mentele explained. "I got on a team at age seven and at my first meet seven months later I got a bronze medal in the 50-yard butterfly ... so it was definitely the beginning of knowing where my talents lie and I just keep with it and got better every year."

The Military History major didn't have much knowledge or history, for that matter, on West Point before a friend of his from high school, David DeWitt's, dad, Jim, a West Point graduate, convinced him to give the U.S. Military Academy a chance.

"He wanted his son to go to West Point, but he (David) didn't want any part of it," Mentele said. "So I was over at his house one time and his dad mentioned West Point. I

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Senior Jake Mentele has earned first- or second-place honors in six individuals events in the 100-yard and 200-yard breaststroke and the 200-yard Individual Medley in his three previous years at the academy.

PHOTO BY JON MALINOWSKI

Sports calendar

Feb. 22 - March 2

Corps

FRIDAY & SATURDAY -- SWIM/DIVE, PATRIOT LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS @ ANNAPOLIS, MD., 11 A.M. ALL DAYS

FRIDAY -- GYMNASTICS VS. TEMPLE & ILLINOIS-CHICAGO, GROSS OLYMPIC CENTER, 6 P.M.

FRIDAY -- WRESTLING @ NAVY, ANNAPOLIS, MD., 7 P.M.

FRIDAY -- WTEN VS. FORDHAM, LITC, 7 P.M.

FRIDAY THROUGH SUNDAY -- TRACK/FIELD, PATRIOT LEAGUE INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS @ LEWISBURG, PA., TBA ALL DAY EVENT

SATURDAY -- MTEN VS. VILLANOVA, LITC, 11 A.M.

SATURDAY -- WBB VS. NAVY, CHRISTL ARENA, 11 A.M.

SATURDAY -- MBB VS. NAVY, CHRISTL ARENA, 2 P.M. (CBS)

SUNDAY -- MTEN VS. UMBC, LITC, 11 A.M.

SUNDAY -- WTEN VS. HOFSTRA, LITC, 2 P.M.

SUNDAY -- MTEN VS. NJIT, LITC, 6 P.M.

WEDNESDAY -- MBB VS. LAFAYETTE, CHRISTL ARENA, 7 P.M.

WEDNESDAY -- WBB @ LAFAYETTE, EASTON, PA., 7 P.M.

FEB. 29 -- WTEN VS. TEMPLE, LITC., 4 P.M.

MARCH 1 -- LACROSSE VS. AIR FORCE, MICHIE STADIUM, NOON

MARCH 1 -- MBB VS. BUCKNELL, CHRISTL ARENA, 1 P.M.

MARCH 1 -- HOCKEY VS. SACRED HEART, TATE RINK, 7:05 P.M.

MARCH 2 -- WTEN VS. BUFFALO, LITC, 9 A.M.

Club

FRIDAY -- PISTOL TEAM VS. NAVY, TRONSRUE MARKSMANSHIP CENTER, 4 P.M.

SATURDAY -- PISTOL TEAM VS. NAVY, TRONSRUE MARKSMANSHIP CENTER, 8 A.M.

SUNDAY -- FENCING TEAM HOSTS 16 TEAMS IN THE MACFA CHAMPIONSHIP, GILLIS FIELD HOUSE, 8:30 A.M. TO 5:30 P.M.

TUESDAY -- BOXING, BRIGADE OPEN BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS, ARVIN GYM (HAYES GYM), 6 P.M. (ESPNU)

MARCH 2 -- EQUESTRIAN TEAM, IHSA WESTERN HORSE SHOW, MORGAN FARM, 9 A.M.

Brigade Boxing Open Championships



Sophomore Matthew Longo (left) will be one of the participants during the 52nd annual West Point Brigade Boxing Open Tues. at Hayes Gym, second floor of Arvin Gymnasium. The bouts will begin at 6 p.m. with the televised portion starting at 7 p.m. It will be shown on ESPNU March 1 at 8 p.m. Check www.espn.com for additional times.

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he showed me a promotional video and I became very interested.

"He called the head swimming coach (at West Point) a couple of days later, which was John O'Neill at the time, and he got in contact with me and stayed in touch over the next few weeks," he added. "It was that personal effort of keeping in touch that showed he cared and I wanted to come here."

Mentele is looking at the possibility of joining the World Class Athlete Program after he graduates, but before that he wants to help this coaching staff and team bring in a new era of success for Army swimming and diving.

The men's diving team has done well this year due to the efforts of senior Greg Sievers, who broke the academy records on the one-meter and three-meter diving boards against Lehigh in January during a dual meet.

Wender has been impressed by the men despite their youth after losing the Patriot League Swimmer of the Year, Zach Disbrow, from last year's team to graduation and the women, who have grown as a team.

"I give our seniors (on the women's team) credit for creating a culture and environment where this program can move forward," said Wender, who is in his second year at Army after eight years as the head man at the University of Washington. "They've been nothing short of remarkable and senior co-captains Kim DeFiori and

Cora Freeman have provided that leadership where they are having fun, swimming fast and winning some meets ... the women are different because they are older with a lot of senior leadership where the guys are younger."

Wender sees Navy as the team to beat at the PLs, but said that Army will be strong in the breaststroke and that Sievers is a potential conference champion in diving. However, as a whole, the team has a lot to prove and Wender feels the team concept will help them down

the road.

"We have a lot of athletes in different areas that can compete for individual championships," Wender said. "But I would like to think our strength is the team. I talk about team and what it really means everyday, and our motto is, 'a team above all, and above all a team,' ... our (swimmers and divers) know their roles, they do their jobs to the best of their abilities and make everyone around them better and that's all anyone can ask of them."



Junior goaltender Josh Kassel (left) makes a save against American international. He got back-to-back shutouts versus AIC Feb. 15 and Saturday.
PV PHOTO BY PAUL RADER

Stellar Kassel earns honors

By Ryan Yanoshak
Athletic Communications

WEST POINT, N.Y. -- Army goaltender Josh Kassel, fresh off back-to-back shutouts, has earned four honors for his performance in a weekend sweep of American International.

Kassel made 17 saves Feb. 15 in a 4-0 win at Tate Rink and registered 24 the next day in another 4-0 win to help Army clinch home ice in the Atlantic Hockey Association playoffs and set the league mark for longest unbeaten streak.

A junior from Greensburg, Pa., Kassel was named Inside College Hockey's Player of the Week, the Atlantic Hockey Association Player and Goalie of the Week and was also named the Army Athletic

Association Athlete of the Week.

This marks the fourth consecutive week Kassel has earned an honor from the league office and the third time he was named the Army Athletic Association Athlete of the Week. It was the first honor from Inside College Hockey for an Army player this season.

Kassel has allowed just five goals in his last nine games as the Black Knights have gone 8-0-1.

The unbeaten streak in the longest in conference history and helped the Black Knights become the first team to clinch home ice for the upcoming playoffs. The unbeaten streak is the second longest current streak in the country.

Kassel is sixth in the country with a 1.88 goals against average and 10th with a .924 save percentage.

Army is 14-12-4 overall and in first place with a 14-7-3 conference record.

The Black Knights will play a two-game series at Bentley this weekend and then end the regular season with a home-and-home series with Sacred Heart. The Black Knights will honor their senior class March 1 at 7:05 p.m. at Tate Rink.

The first round of the playoffs, a best-of-three series, will be held March 7-9 at the highest seed's venue.